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Report Highlights:

China's imports of agricultural, fishery, and forestry products climbed an additional \$2.7 billion during October 2004 to a total of \$29.4 billion for the first ten months of the year. China Customs data indicates U.S. origin imports reached \$6.6 billion. Worldwide imports consist primarily of soybeans, cotton, palm and soybean oils, and softwoods. Exports, \$21.9 billion for the first ten months of the year, consist primarily of processed aquatic and forestry products. Japan, at \$6.6 billion, remains China's largest export destination.

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Executive Summary

This report provides greater insight and information concerning the kind and value of agricultural, fishery, and forestry products China buys, sells, and processes. This report updates information from GAIN report CH4054. Readers should be aware data will not exactly match other countries' export statistics due to timing of exports (e.g. trade recorded in an exporting country at the end of one month or year might not be recorded in China's records until the following month or year). Furthermore, values from one country to another may vary due to disparity in recording methods (e.g. FOB vs. CIF/landed price). Also, inconsistencies may exist as a result of Hong Kong or Macau re-export trade to or from China.

China's January to October 2004 agricultural, fishery, and forestry commodity imports reached \$29.4 billion while exports reached nearly \$21.9 billion. October 2004 imports equaled \$2.7 billion while exports were \$2.5 billion. China's trade expansion with nearly all of its trading partners comes as no surprise as the country holds enormous demand along with strategic low-cost labor for a rapidly expanding agricultural, fishery, and forestry product processing sector that can import product under bonded trade for processing and re-export.

The United States supplies the greatest share, 22.4 percent and \$6.6 billion, of China's agricultural, fishery, and forestry product year-to-date imports. The commodities consist primarily of bulk and intermediate goods; including, soybeans, cotton, wheat, hides and skins. Raw or unfinished aquatic products (e.g. frozen fish) and wood/lumber (e.g. untreated hardwoods) also comprise a large share of what China buys from the United States.

The United States is the second largest export destination, \$3 billion, for Chinese agricultural, fishery, and forestry product exports. Exports consist primarily of added value forestry products, like wooden boards and small wooden articles, along with aquatic products, like fish fillets or processed shrimp and prawn.

(Note: China's imports of raw agricultural materials like cotton and lumber are included in the import portion of this trade data. However, the processed materials like textiles and furniture are not included in the agricultural export statistics. Therefore, this information should not be used to determine whether or not China carries an agricultural, fishery, and forest product trade deficit. Additional items to point out: HTS is the abbreviation for "Harmonized Tariff System." NESOI is the abbreviation for "Not Elsewhere Specified or Indicated").

China's Ag., Fish, and Forestry Imports from the World by Country

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports by Country (\$ Million) Jan.-Oct.				
Rank	Country	2002	2003	2004
0	--World--	13,842	20,281	29,441
1	United States	2,299	4,112	6,597
2	Brazil	837	1,963	2,677
3	Argentina	661	1,970	2,485
4	Australia	1,165	1,046	2,108
5	Malaysia	1,101	1,680	2,104
6	Russia	1,454	1,484	1,884
7	Thailand	810	1,112	1,631
8	Indonesia	760	1,012	1,377
9	Canada	488	478	1,279
10	New Zealand	431	611	796
11	Peru	379	272	455
12	Uzbekistan	18	151	335
13	France	205	340	313
14	India	83	121	297
15	Japan	237	269	287
16	Vietnam	178	229	232
17	Germany	262	219	214
18	Korea, North	127	122	213
19	Korea, South	130	159	207
20	Denmark	81	166	202
21	Chile	165	168	200
22	Netherlands	95	119	191
23	Myanmar	95	118	151
24	Gabon	154	184	145
25	Belgium	92	126	144

Source: China Customs

China's Ag., Fish, and Forestry Imports from the World by Entering Port

Top 25 Locations for Ag., Fish and Forestry Imports by Port (\$ Million) Jan.-Oct.				
Rank	District	2002	2003	2004
0	-All Districts-	13,842	20,281	29,441
1	Qingdao	2,077	3,841	5,450
2	Nanjing	1,616	2,852	4,241
3	Shanghai	1,935	2,594	4,077
4	Tianjin	985	1,422	2,523
5	Shenzhen	1,619	1,919	2,059
6	Huangpu	921	1,128	2,046
7	Dalian	780	1,173	1,664
8	Guangzhou	733	968	961
9	Ningbo	283	553	883
10	Xiamen	254	456	655
11	Nanning	307	434	628
12	Zhanjiang	162	297	557
13	Hangzhou	226	289	492
14	Manzhouli	324	337	474
15	Harbin	337	362	471
16	Fuzhou	174	191	380
17	Shijiazhuang	207	325	329
18	Gongbei	166	220	287
19	Beijing	106	141	170
20	Hohhot	144	123	163
21	Kunming	98	121	143
22	Jiangmen	85	91	136
23	Urumqi	25	65	112
24	Zhengzhou	43	73	97
25	Shantou	81	86	87

Source: China Customs

China's Ag., Fish, and Forestry Imports from the World by HTS 6 Digits

Top 20 Ag., Fish, and Forestry Imports at HTS 6 Digits from the World (\$ Million) Jan.-Oct.					
Rank	HS	Description	2002	2003	2004
		China's Imports of Worldwide Ag., Fish and Forestry	13,842	20,281	29,441
		All Agricultural Products (BICO)	9,304	15,103	23,387
		All Aquatic (edible)	1,250	1,447	1,881
		All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	3,288	3,731	4,174
1	120100	Soybeans	1,850	4,671	5,636
2	520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	119	833	3,052
3	151190	Palm Oil, refined, not chemically modified	677	1,178	1,544
4	150710	Soybean Oil, crude, not chemically modified	173	669	1,397
5	440320	Wood, coniferous, in the rough, not treated	830	799	969
6	510111	Wool, not carded or combed, greasy and shorn	492	477	772
7	100110	Wheat, Durum	87	55	711
8	410150	Hides and Skins, bovine or equine > 16 kg	312	422	696
9	400122	Rubber, technically specified natural (TSNR)	215	424	687
10	100190	Wheat, non-Durum, Meslin	14	0	646
11	230120	Fish or Crustacean, meal and pellets, inedible	571	463	638
12	030360	Cod, frozen, excluding fillets	444	506	637
13	440399	Wood, non-coniferous, in the rough, not treated	530	612	628
14	440349	Wood, other tropical, in the rough, not treated	258	501	559
15	440799	Wood, non-coniferous, sawn, sliced, over 6 meters	450	459	523
16	400121	Rubber, natural in smoked sheets	192	348	324
17	071410	Cassava (Manioc), fresh or dried, w/nt pellet	132	162	288
18	100300	Barley	237	251	284
19	210690	Food preparations not elsewhere specified	56	167	280
20	440729	Wood, other tropical, sawn, chipped lengthwise	224	230	268

Source: China Customs

China's Ag., Fish, and Forestry Imports from the US by HTS 6 Digits

Top 20 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports at HTS 6 Digits from the US (\$ Million) Jan.-Oct.					
Rank	HS	Description	2002	2003	2004
		China's Imports of US Ag., Fish and Forestry	2,299	4,112	6,597
		All Agricultural Products (BICO)	2,008	3,756	6,070
		All Aquatic (edible)	88	114	218
		All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	203	242	308
1	120100	Soybeans	668	1,608	2,332
2	520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	60	484	1,702
3	410150	Hides and Skins, bovine or equine > 16 kg	246	312	455
4	100190	Wheat, non-Durum, Meslin	5	0	280
5	100110	Wheat, Durum	21	19	276
6	210690	Food preparations not elsewhere specified	30	129	168
7	440799	Wood, non-coniferous, sawn, sliced, over 6 meters	122	125	145
8	020649	Swine, edible offal except livers, frozen	24	48	84
9	020714	Chicken, cuts and edible offal incl. livers, frozen	286	313	59
10	030360	Fish, Cod, frozen, excluding fillets	13	23	58
11	230120	Fish or Crustacean, meal and pellets, inedible	44	51	55
12	030332	Fish, Plaice, frozen, excluding fillets	23	40	52
13	350400	Peptones, other proteins and derivatives	6	20	41
14	050400	Animal guts, bladders, stomachs and parts	53	65	39
15	440399	Wood, non-coniferous, in the rough, not treated	18	25	38
16	200410	Potatoes, prepared, frozen	27	27	36
17	230990	Animal Feed, excluding dog or cat, retail packages	23	36	35
18	410190	Hides and Skins, butts, bends, bellies, bovine or equine	77	80	33
19	030380	Fish, livers and roes, frozen	7	9	32
20	210610	Protein Concentrates and Textured Protein Substances	11	7	29

Source: China Customs

China's Ag., Fish, and Forestry Exports by Country

Top 25 Ag., Fish and Forestry Exports by Country (\$ Million) Jan.-Oct.				
Rank	Country	2002	2003	2004
0	--World--	16,351	19,247	21,855
1	Japan	5,307	5,516	6,591
2	United States	1,832	2,377	3,002
3	Hong Kong	1,805	1,886	2,260
4	Korea, South	1,649	1,982	1,723
5	Germany	429	557	651
6	Russia	350	465	478
7	Malaysia	482	529	424
8	United Kingdom	239	316	424
9	Netherlands	284	348	383
10	Indonesia	425	417	383
11	Canada	175	236	382
12	Taiwan	307	305	356
13	Singapore	217	224	272
14	Australia	123	169	239
15	Spain	117	158	238
16	Philippines	149	230	222
17	Italy	181	207	220
18	Thailand	133	172	211
19	Korea, North	83	138	199
20	Vietnam	138	258	195
21	France	124	154	177
22	Belgium	74	135	175
23	India	169	172	175
24	United Arab Emirates	73	93	156
25	Mexico	38	66	148

Source: China Customs

China's Ag., Fish, and Forestry Exports by Departure Port

Top 25 Ag., Fish, and Forestry Exporting Ports in China (\$ Million) Jan.-Oct.				
Rank	District	2002	2003	2004
0	-All Districts-	16,351	19,247	21,855
1	Qingdao	3,547	4,262	5,137
2	Dalian	2,404	3,132	2,819
3	Shanghai	2,025	2,223	2,808
4	Shenzhen	1,550	1,748	2,054
5	Tianjin	1,199	1,440	1,636
6	Ningbo	760	961	1,176
7	Xiamen	698	769	1,087
8	Nanjing	604	879	904
9	Fuzhou	519	507	688
10	Huangpu	518	525	609
11	Guangzhou	417	369	471
12	Shantou	305	229	283
13	Zhanjiang	122	229	271
14	Gongbei	163	189	232
15	Harbin	160	209	169
16	Nanning	128	171	162
17	Jiangmen	86	134	153
18	Wuhan	69	114	134
19	Chongqing	76	83	130
20	Haikou	87	92	120
21	Shijiazhuang	243	161	117
22	Kunming	87	92	109
23	Nanchang	34	28	75
24	Changchun	90	96	70
25	Shenyang	103	195	65

Source: China Customs

China's Ag., Fish, and Forestry Exports to the World by HTS 6 Digits

Top 20 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the World by HTS 6 Digits (\$ Million) Jan.-Oct.					
Rank	HS	Description	2002	2003	2004
		China's Exports of Ag., Fish, and Forestry to the World	16,351	19,247	21,855
		All Agricultural Products (BICO)	10,687	12,539	12,925
		All Aquatic (edible)	3,355	3,885	4,839
		All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	2,309	2,823	4,091
1	030420	Fish, fillets, frozen	659	866	1,102
2	160419	Fish, whole or in pieces, prepared or preserved	605	526	735
3	442190	Wood, articles, not elsewhere specified (nesoi)	487	545	671
4	441219	Wood, plywood, coniferous, < 6 mm	110	164	474
5	160520	Fish, shrimp and prawns, prepared or preserved	226	343	427
6	050400	Animal guts, bladders, stomachs and parts	230	312	417
7	160590	Fish, molluscs, prepared or preserved	236	295	404
8	160232	Chicken, meat or offal nesoi, prepared or preserved	354	349	341
9	070320	Garlic, fresh or chilled	297	297	339
10	200590	Vegetables, incl. mixtures nesoi, prepared or preserved	219	242	337
11	030613	Fish, shrimp and prawn, incl. In-shell, frozen	198	308	332
12	020329	Swine, meat nesoi, frozen	148	178	329
13	220190	Water, not sweetened or flavored, nesoi	247	199	318
14	030379	Fish, not elsewhere specified, with bones, frozen	304	274	306
15	050510	Down, for stuffing, cleaned/disinfected, treated or preserved	212	192	290
16	100590	Corn, Maize	843	1,302	273
17	071290	Vegetables, nesoi and mixtures, dried	232	248	262
18	441229	Wood, plywood at least one side non-coniferous, nesoi	104	102	261
19	442010	Wood, statuettes and other ornaments	159	188	260
20	441830	Wood, parquet panels	122	185	252

Source: China Customs

China's Ag., Fish, and Forestry Exports to the US by HTS 6 Digits

Top 20 Ag., Fish, and Forestry Exports to the US at HTS 6 Digits (\$ Millions) Jan.-Oct.					
Rank	HS	Description	2002	2003	2004
		China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the US	1,832	2,377	3,002
		All Agricultural Products (BICO)	675	843	1,101
		All Aquatic (Edible)	593	802	718
		All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	564	732	1,183
1	030420	Fish, fillets, frozen	200	240	308
2	442190	Wood, article, nesoi	166	189	233
3	441219	Wood, plywood, coniferous, < 6 mm	12	32	156
4	050510	Down, for stuffing, cleaned/disinfected, treated or preserved	101	84	132
5	200979	Apple Juice, nesoi not fortified, unfermented	42	71	122
6	442010	Wood, statuettes and other ornaments	75	90	119
7	441229	Wood, plywood at least one side non-coniferous, nesoi	37	39	97
8	441400	Wooden, frames for paintings, photographs, mirrors	73	86	96
9	030613	Fish, shrimp and prawn, incl. In-shell, frozen	52	125	88
10	441830	Wood, parquet panels	27	53	87
11	050400	Animal guts, bladders, stomachs and parts	44	64	73
12	200830	Citrus, incl. Mixtures, prepared	44	64	68
13	441213	Wood, plywood at least one side tropical wood	7	14	63
14	160520	Fish, shrimp and prawns, prepared or preserved	161	201	62
15	441820	Wood, doors and frames	12	21	58
16	440920	Wood, non-coniferous, tongued, grooved, molded	12	29	54
17	160510	Fish, Crab, prepared or preserved	27	28	47
18	442090	Wood, Marquetry, caskets and cases	35	40	47
19	071290	Vegetables, nesoi and mixtures, dried	28	48	41
20	200310	Vegetables, Mushrooms, prepared or preserved	9	20	38

Source: China Customs